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|  | LOS LUNAS POLICE DEPARTMENT | | |
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I. PURPOSE

To establish guidelines and procedures for use and deployment of the armored vehicle (s) assigned to the Los Lunas Police Department Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) team.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the Special Weapons And Tactics team (SWAT) to provide tactical support to the police department and the community. The SWAT team has been equipped with specialty armored vehicles that are deployed and utilized based upon the tactical situation. The Los Lunas Police Department currently has in its fleet two armored vehicles, an MRAP and a Mamba. Both armored vehicles will be referred to as Armored Response Vehicles or ARV's. Armored vehicles are to only be used in accordance with this policy.

III. DEFINITIONS

A. SWAT

A Special Weapons And Tactics team is comprised of officers that are specifically trained and equipped to work as a coordinated team to respond to critical incidents including, but not limited to, hostage taking, barricaded suspects, snipers, terrorist acts and other high-risk incidents. As a matter of agency policy, such a unit may be used to serve high-risk warrants, such as search and arrest warrants where public and officer safety issues compel the use of such a unit.

B. MRAP

Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected, armored personnel carrier.

C. Mamba

Armored Personnel carrier that offers protection against small arms fire.

D. ARV

Armored Rescue Vehicle (MRAP & Mamba)

IV. PROCEDURE

A. Armored Rescue Vehicle (ARV) Operation

1. The ARV is intended for use during critical incidents, planned and unplanned within the community and during trainings. The SWAT Commander or Assistant Commander will approve the use of the ARV unless a critical incident or event is rapidly evolving and waiting for such approval is impractical.
2. The ARV will only be driven by approved personnel who have received training in the vehicles operation.
 - i. The SWAT commander or his/ her designee will designate driver (s) of ARV's.
3. A spotter should accompany the driver of the ARV during all travel unless an emergency situation exists making it impractical to do so.
 - i. The spotter will be used to guide the driver during any movement in which the driver may encounter blind spots or during any time the ARV is moving in a backward direction.
4. Operators must be cognizant of the extreme weight of these vehicles and the greater distances required to maneuver and bring the vehicle to a safe stop.

B. Armored Rescue Vehicle Deployment

1. Situations where an ARV may be used include but are not limited to:
 - i. Violent civil disturbances (Upon approval by the Chief of Police)
 - ii. Downed officer/ citizen rescue
 - iii. Counter sniper operations
 - iv. Active critical incidents with the Village involving the use or potential use of firearms.
 - v. Pre-planned incidents involving the SWAT team. (Require approval of the SWAT commander or his/ her designee.
 - vi. Mutual aid requests that have been approved by the SWAT commander or his/ her designee.
 - vii. Planned community events
2. All deployments of the ARV will require approval from the SWAT commander or his/ her designee.

C. Maintenance

1. The SWAT commander or his/ her designee will ensure that the ARV's are serviced in a timely manner and in accordance with scheduled maintenance requirements.
2. A visual inspection of the interior and exterior of the ARV should be performed after each deployment to ensure that no equipment has been left behind and no damage has been sustained during the mission.
3. Damage to the ARV should be reported immediately to the SWAT commander.

D. Equipment

1. The SWAT Commander or his/ her designee will be responsible for ensuring that all on board equipment and supplies are accounted for, stored, secured and available for immediate deployment.
2. ARV's may have the following items stored in them.

- i. Ballistic shields
- ii. Assorted ladders
- iii. Less lethal munitions
- iv. Tow straps

Additional items may be stored in ARV's upon the approval of the SWAT commander